

## LOCAL NEWS.

TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24

For this section warmer, fair weather today, with westerly wind, light rain during the night, followed by fair on Wednesday.

There will be no paper issued from this office Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS.**—To-morrow, as is the established custom, will be observed as a holiday. The federal, State and corporation offices will be closed, and the telephone exchange and post office will keep only Sunday hours. The banks and banking houses and Corn Exchange will also be closed. Services will be held in nearly all the churches and all business will be suspended. In view of the suspension of freight trains during the holidays, the freight depots will not be open to day or to-morrow for the reception of and delivery of freight. Freight of a perishable character will be delivered, but none received to-day and to-morrow. The market, which has been open all day, will be open for a short time to-morrow morning. The letter carriers will make a delivery at 8 o'clock a. m., and collection at 5 p. m. Family reunion will be the order of the day, and joy will be unconfined. May peace, happiness and prosperity attend upon all.

**CHURCH SERVICES TO-MORROW.**—Services will be held to-morrow at the various churches as follows:

Trinity—6 a. m.  
St. Paul's—at 11 a. m.  
Second Presbyterian—7:30 p. m.  
Grace church—at 7 and 11 a. m.  
M. E. Church South—6 to 7 a. m.  
Methodist Protestant Church—6 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Christ Church—at 11 a. m., and children's services at 5 p. m.  
German Lutheran—11 a. m.; and 7:30 p. m. for Sunday school.

Baptist—Usual services at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "God's Christmas Gift."

St. Mary's—Solemn mass will begin at 6 a. m. Rev. Father Dufour, of Georgetown College, celebrant; Rev. D. O. Kane, deacon; Rev. John Broderick, sub-deacon. Rev. Father O'Kane will preach. Low masses will follow, and at 10 Rev. Father Dufour will sing High Mass, and preach. At both the principal masses the choir, consisting of Mrs. Thomas L. Moore and Miss Nettie Donnelly, sopranos; Miss Helen M. Nevett, alto; Mr. John H. Wilkins, tenor, and Mr. Seymour B. Stout, organist, will render the following selection of music: Processional—Glory to God; Kyrie Eleison, Haydn's 21 Mass; Gloria in Excelsis and Credo, from La Hasche; Offertory, Adagio; Sanctus and Agnus Dei, from Mercadante.

**SILVER WEDDING.**—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lucas celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage by a reception to their friends at the rooms of the Merchants' Club, in the Washington Hall building, on King street, last night. Several hundred guests were present, many of whom came from Baltimore, Washington and other places, and a most enjoyable time was spent by all present. The decorations were of bunting and evergreens, and the building doubtless never held a happier throng. At ten o'clock the guests were invited into the front room, where refreshments were served. The table, prepared by Mr. Wm. Steuermann, was a thing of beauty, loaded as it was with every tempting delicacy, interspersed with growing plants and flowers. The principal feature was a huge cake, beautifully ornamented, and above it hung in silver figures "1864-1889." Mayor Downum presided. Around the table were the souvenirs of the occasion, consisting of articles of silverware, numerous, handsomely and costly. Dining, with excellent music, was an interesting feature of the occasion, and the festivities were not concluded until early this morning. During the course of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lucas were the recipients of a large number of congratulatory telegrams. About midnight the entertainment was over and the guests began to depart, wishing Mr. and Mrs. L. a golden if not a diamond wedding.

**THE SODALITY FAIR.**—The returns from the fair held for paying off the debt and furnishing the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum Hall, on Duke street, last month have all come in with the following result from the tables, Mrs. George Harlow and Mrs. James Roche, \$111.14; Miss Lannon, \$64.95; Mrs. Honora Pettit, \$53.55; Miss Mary Rafferty, \$33.75; Miss Mary Morrow, \$28.55; the Misses Walsh, \$24.26; Miss Mary Ellen Hill, \$142.08. Adding the door receipts and subtracting the expenses for printing, gas, &c., the net receipts were \$3,025.11, a sum which will pay off the small indebtedness and furnish the large hall, and also fresco it and provide scenery, which Mr. Lucien Duff-y is now engaged in painting. The Lyceum is to be congratulated on so fortunate a result. It now numbers about eighty members, and under the able direction of President Rafferty, is becoming a great success.

**PRESENTATIONS.**—Yesterday morning, the Principals of St. John's Academy, according to its usual custom, presented each of the resident cadets with a useful or entertaining book as a Christmas gift. Soon after wards, Cadet George H. O'Connor, of Washington, presented, on behalf of his comrades, a beautiful pair of gold cuff buttons, elegantly engraved with monogram, to the Principal. Other elegant gifts were made by individual cadets to the Principal, teachers and matron. At the end of the afternoon session the school was closed until Friday, January 3-d, and later in the evening most of the cadets left for their homes, all the rest but two following this morning.

**PERSONAL.**—Rev. I. M. Mercer, of the Baptist Church, has returned.  
Rev. J. M. Nourse is in the city on a visit to his family.  
Captain Francis Keyes, an old river pilot, was stricken with paralysis this morning, and is in a critical condition.  
Mr. E. A. Evans, chief of U. S. Signal Station at Detroit, Mich., is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents on south St. Asaph street.  
Mr. Robert Porter is at No. 4 Schiffgraben, Hanover, Germany.  
Mr. Alfred Richards, of New York, is in the city. He came on to attend the reception of his brother-in-law, Mr. R. T. Lucas.

**THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE.**—Col. T. M. R. Talcott, first vice-president of the Richmond and Danville system, has resigned his position and Mr. Oakman, of New York has been elected first vice president, but will not have anything to do with the operating department, Mr. Haas, the traffic manager, states positively that the offices of the Richmond and Danville system will not be removed to Atlanta. He says the Washington office will remain as it is and that Mr. Peyton Randolph will remain in Washington as general manager and W. H. Green as general superintendent.

**A GREEN CHRISTMAS.**—Grocers, hyacinths and tulips are everywhere, an apple japonica has bloomed and a laurel is in full bud in the grounds of St. John's Academy, where the lawn is as green as it was in May. Such is the case all over the city.

## HOLIDAY GOODS.

## SANTA CLAUSTAKES OFF HIS CAP

— AT —

## FRENCH'S

To his immense line of Holiday attractions. This season we surpass all previous efforts and present for inspection the most complete line of Christmas gifts ever offered the people of this vicinity.

## HURRAH FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Right now are we ready for business with an immense assortment of Christmas gifts. The new, the novel and the beautiful are all included in our splendid line of Imported Work Baskets, Writing Desks, Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Smoking Sets, Fine Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Traveling Bags, Opera Glasses, Decorated Paperies, Fine Gold Pens and Pencils, Fine Pocket Knives, Autograph and Photograph Albums, Musical Instruments and the largest and finest line of Elegant and Artistic Novelties in Silk, Flush, Straw and Leather Goods, &c., &c., &c., ever shown in the State of Virginia.

Christmas Cards, Art Gift Books and Booklets, an endless variety.  
Toy Books and Novelties, Fancy Goods, Notions, &c.  
1000 Handsome Novelty Books only 25c each.  
We offer a great variety of appropriate presents for ladies, gentlemen and children.  
We can supply a suitable gift for old or young at any sum you desire to expend.  
Our elegant holiday stock is a popular stock in all respects.  
Selected to meet all requirements.  
We are glad to welcome visitors, pleased to show our goods and ready to make close prices to all buyers.  
Nobody disappointed up to date.  
Our holiday attractions please them all.  
We will please you once in quantity, twice in quality and three times in price.  
Our magnificent stock is a vision of beauty and the greatest holiday hit of the season.  
Pretty Gifts, Suitable Gifts, Useful Gifts, Popular Gifts.  
And prices were never so low for honest goods.  
Come and learn that it pays to trade with

GEORGE E. FRENCH,

417 &amp; 419 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

## LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A PACKAGE OF KID GLOVES. A suitable reward will be paid by the owner. Apply at 306 North Washington street.

LOST—Last night, at the Opera House, a CHILD'S COAT and CAPE. The finder will please leave it at Patterson's livery stables. 1t

LOST—On Sunday, between my office and West End, a SURGEON'S POCKET INSTRUMENT CASE. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to M. W. O'BRIEN, M. D., dec-3 2t 807 Cameron street.

LOST—A BLACK SETTER PUPPY, 6 months old, with liver-colored ears and a white spot between fore legs. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to 414 Prince street. dec-23 3t

## AUCTION SALES.

## SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Pursuant to a decree rendered at the November term, 1889, of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, Va., the undersigned Commissioners will offer for sale, at public auction, at noon on the 20th DAY OF JANUARY, 1890 (Court day), in front of the Court building at Fairfax C. H., the following desirable real estate, viz:

TWO TRACTS OF LAND in Fairfax County, now in the possession of Mrs. Virginia L. Burke, situate on the line of the Richmond and Danville Railroad, adjacent to Burke's Station, adjoining the lands of John A. Marshall and others, fourteen miles from Alexandria and twenty miles from Washington city—being the same tracts of land which were allotted to the said Virginia L. Burke, as Lots numbered 1 and 4, in a partition of the real estate of the late Silas Burke, recorded May 5, 1888, in Liber G. No. 4, Folio 672, of the land records of Fairfax county.

LOT No. 1 is located about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile below, or east of Burke's Station, is improved by a good frame DWELLING HOUSE, and contains the old "Burke's Mill" property. This mill is out of repair, but at a moderate expense might be made the best paying mill property in Fairfax county. This lot contains 207 acres, 3 rods and 35 poles of land.

LOT No. 4 adjoins the depot lot; is also improved by a good FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and contains 214 acres, 1 rod and 35 poles of land.

Each of these tracts is well timbered, and Po-hock run flows through them both. They also contain cleared land of the best quality, which, owing to its proximity to the railroad station is very desirable for dairy farming.

Terms.—Enough cash in hand to pay expenses of sale and costs of suit, and the residue in payments of one, two and three years, secured by the purchasers' notes, with good personal security, and retention of title until the last payment is made. The commissioners are authorized to sell at private sale in their discretion, or to sell the said tracts as a whole, or in parcels, said parcels to be surveyed with no expense to the purchaser.

B. W. MOORE, Comm'r. of Sale.  
H. W. THOMAS, }  
T. R. SANGSTER, }

I hereby certify that the bond required by the above decree has been duly executed.  
WM. E. GRAHAM, Clerk. dec-13 1wt

## HARDWARE.

B. F. PEAKE,

Dealer in

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, HARDWARE, PAINTS

OILS, LEADS, CEMENT, LUMBER, LIME,

CALCINED PLASTER, SLATE MAN-

TELS, HEARTHES &amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

Corner King and Pitt streets, Alexandria, Va.

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John T. Creighton &amp; Son,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN

HARDWARE AND CUTLERY.

NO. 89 KING, CORNER OF ROYAL STREET

Have on hand a very large and well assorted

stock of goods in their line.

Country merchants are invited to call and ex-

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Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see. [ap-12

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We offer the following fancy and choice brand

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Lilly

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New South

Triumph

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Cook's

White as Snow

Blue Ridge

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GEO. MCBURNEY &amp; SON.

BALD HEADS, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

If your hair is getting thin and you want to

thicken it up,

Morgan's Vegetable Hair Tonic

For sale by J. D. H. LUNT, Alexandria, Va., will do

it. Price \$1 per bottle. All we ask is a trial.

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PILLSBERRY'S BEST MINNESOTA PATENT.

JONES'S HUNGARIAN

BAKER'S CRUSTAL

TENNEY'S OUR NEW SOUTH

CHOICE FAMILY.

The above are the best brands of Flour made

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GEO. MCBURNEY.

TRY LUNT'S COUGH SYRUP

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

Price 25c; sample bottle 10c. dec-15

ONE-POUND BLOCKS COD FISH,

Fancy stock.

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GEORGE MCBURNEY &amp; SON,

## HOLIDAY GOODS.

## A UNIVERSAL VERDICT.

What one person says you cannot always believe, but if the whole town says so it must be so—that is that we have the cheapest

## CLOAKS

under the sun. We have but to refer you to the whole community, and we have sold more Coats and Cloaks this season, with all the cry of dull times, wet weather and warm weather, than ever in our lives. We sold over 285 Coats last week, wholesale and retail, and have got the prices that will bring buyers from all quarters. Ask your friends, ask your neighbors, ask your Washington shoppers, who has the best, largest and cheapest Cloaks. The answer will be at

ISAAC EICHBERG &amp; CO.'S

CORNER KING AND ROYAL STS



We have added a large line to our stock this week, as our assortment in sizes was broken, and have opened them to-day—Monday.

We invite you all to come and look; price them elsewhere; take them home; compare them, and then you be the judge. Large line of

## Handkerchiefs

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Muffs, Capes and Boas for ladies, misses and children, from this week's auction sales.

## Silk and Gloria Umbrellas

From 80 cents upwards.

Towels, Napkins and Table Cloths in single or in sets to match  
Last but not least—give us a look in our

## CARPET ROOM.

The Rugs, the Mats, the Art Squares, the Hassocks and the Carpet Sweepers.

"We sweep them all."

Isaac Eichberg &amp; Co.

## FANCY GROCERIES.

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## Malaga Grapes,

IN FINE CLUSTERS.

G. WM. RAMSAY.

## RAISINS.

VINEYARD CLUSTERS,  
IMPERIALS,  
LONDONS,  
FLAT HALVES,  
FLAT QUARTERS,  
ONDAED,  
VALENCIA,  
SULTANA,  
LOOSE CALIFORNIA.

## NUTS.

PRINCESS PAPER SHELL ALMONDS,  
LANGUEDOC do.,  
IVICA do.,  
GREENOBLER WALNUTS,  
FRENCH do.,  
LARGE PECANS,  
NEW FILBERTS,  
BRAZIL NUTS.

## Cheap Candy.

1250 POUNDS

FRENCH AND AMERICAN CANDIES  
From 12 to 25c per lb, including

300 LBS G. B. HILL &amp; CO.'S "PURE CANDY."

G. WM. RAMSAY.

## Choice Confections.

STUFFED PRUNES in one-pound trunks,  
FRENCH GLACE FRUITS,  
PINEAPPLE FRITTERS,  
ROSE AND VANILLA MARSHMALLOWS,  
FANCY CHOCOLATE CREAMS,  
FINE BONBONS.

G. WM. RAMSAY.

500 LBS.

## Choice Figs Cheap

G. WM. RAMSAY.

## DRY GOODS.

## HOLIDAY TRADE 1889.

Our list of useful presents for goods in our line prove interesting to intending purchasers of presents for the Xmas season.

## THE CARPET STOCK

Suggests the very desirable and useful Fur Rugs, and in these we show some choice novelties in Fancy Furs and Carriage Robes, Japanese Goats, Good Skins in white, gray and black, at low prices. Much better and handsomer skins, nicely lined and in varied effects.

Smyrna Rugs and Mats in large variety. Good Smyrna Mats as low as 75c, and almost all prices in Rugs.

Very acceptable presents may be found in our

## BLANKET AND COMFORT STOCK

From low-grade serviceable Comforts at 75c to choice select Wool Blankets at \$14. Elder Down Quilts of different grades, and choice Satine-covered Comfortables, pretty and useful.

## In the Line of Housefurnishings

Don't forget the Towels, Table Linens and Napkins. We present bargains in all these, especially in Damasks at 65, 75, \$1 and \$1.25. The \$1 and \$1.25 goods, with handsome % Napkins to match.

Napkins at \$2.25 and \$2.50, full 25 per cent. under value.

Our Towels are unusually good values, from 10 to 75c each. A lot of fine goods at 50c are fully worth 75c. Special bargains at 20 and 25c. Turkish Tidiies at low prices.

## OUR HANDKERCHIEF STOCK

Is always an important item at this season of the year and was never better than now. Prices from 5 to 75c in Linen Goods. Special attention called to a lot of 25 dozen choice Fancy and Embroidered goods at 25c, worth much more. Fine White Embroidered at 50 and 75c. Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs from 10 to 50c. Gents' China Silks at 50 to \$1. Mufflers from 50c to \$2.50.

## Ladies' Kid Gloves.

## Gentlemen's Kid Gloves.

Specially good bargains at \$1 and \$1.50.

GENTLEMEN'S TIES, LINEN COLLARS, &amp;c.

POCKETBOOKS, PURSES, CHATELAIN BAGS, &amp;c.

## FUR MUFFS, BOAS AND CAPES.

UMBRELLAS, always useful (never more so than now, as it generally rains). All prices, Silver and Gold tipped Glorias, so-called, at \$1.25. Better goods from \$1.75 to \$4. The best the cheapest. The T. P. ROBINSON COVER put on a nice frame for a moderate cost.

LACE CURTAINS, Pongee Draperies, Turcoman and Chenille Curtains.

## DRESS GOODS of all kinds, CLOAKS, JACKETS, PRINTS, GINGHAMS

And hundreds of other useful articles suitable for presents.

## MERCHAND TAILORING A SPECIALTY.

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